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NOTES AND QUERIES.

ALGONKIAN WORDS IN AMERICAN ENGLISH. — As a further contribution to the studies of "Algonkian words in American English," allow me to offer the following expression, which I heard a short time ago: "To go a pretty good *hickory*," i. e. to go at a pretty good rate of speed. This was the first time I ever heard it used, and I have been wondering whether the expression is general, either in Canada or the United States.

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FÖRNVÄNNEN. — The *Månadsblad* of the Royal Academy of Letters, History and Archæology of Stockholm ceased publication with the volume for 1906. Its place has been taken by *Förnvännen, Meddelanden från K. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien*, edited by Emil Ekhoﬀ. The first volume (for the year 1906) contains 328 pages. Besides archæological, numismatic articles, etc., the following of interest to folklorists are included: —

Boethius (J.), Levander (L.), and Noreen (A.), Modern Runic inscriptions of the Province of Dalarna, pp. 63-69.

Hildebrand (H.), The ascension (*himmelsfärd*) of Alexander the Great, pp. 44-48.

Leijonhufvud (S.), Mediæval formula for blessing food in Gotland, pp. 151-157.

Läffler (L. Fr.), Runic inscriptions on four Danish baptismal fonts, pp. 181-185.

Stjerna (K.), The dragon's treasure in the poem of Beowulf, pp. 119-144.

Pages 299-328 are taken up with the Proceedings, etc., of the Academy.

ORKNEY AND SHETLAND OLD LORE. — The Viking Club (Society for Northern Research) of London, founded in 1892 as the Orkney, Shetland, and Northern Society, has issued *Orkney and Shetland Old Lore*, vol. i, pt. i, January, 1907 (pp. 1-50), and vol. ii, April, 1907 (pp. 51-82); also *Orkney and Shetland Records* (*Diplomatarium Orcadense et Hialtlandense*), vol. i, pt. i (pp. 1-40), and vol. i, pt. ii (pp. 1-32).

The periodical is published under the general title of "Orkney and Shetland Old Lore Series of the Viking Club," consisting of two separate volumes, the "Miscellany," and the "Diplomatarium." The series was established in 1907, for the purpose of "bringing together materials for the history of Orkney and Shetland, as well as of the Norse race in the North of Scotland, from all available sources, whether printed works, manuscripts, archæology, folk-lore, or otherwise; it will be a medium of notes and queries for all interested in these subjects." The series will be issued quarterly, with occasional Special Works. Folk-Lore, Dialect Words, Place-Names, etc., will receive due attention. A translation of Professor Hægstad's "*Hildinakvael*," or Foulfa ballad, by G. F. Black, is in progress. Reprints of rare works, tracts, law papers, etc., will be published. The first two numbers are very promising. A fund of £2000 is to be raised, the interest of which will be used to make special researches into "dialects, folk-lore, and place-names